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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants
hereby make the following patents of record in the above-
identified patent application:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENT

Scholtysik et al. 5,085,110 (February 4, 1992)

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Switzerland CH 2 88 737 (June 1, 1953)
Germany DE 195 46 036 C1 (March 20, 1997)

Copies of the aforementioned patent documents,
which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449
(submitted in duplicate), are enclosed herewith.

The aforementioned foreign patent documents were cited by a German Patent and Trademark Office (GPTO) Examiner in examination proceedings for a counterpart German application. Accordingly, applicants submit the following information.

With regard to document No. CH 2 88 737, applicants refer the Examiner to a concise explanation (appended hereto at Appendix A), provided by applicants' German agent, which refers to FIG. 1 and page 2, lines 66-78 of the document. An English translation of the page 2, lines 66-78 is appended hereto at Appendix B. Applicants also refer the Examiner to an English language translation, also provided by applicants' German agent, of two portions of a GPTO Examination Report issued in the counterpart German application (GPTO Examination Report and translated portions appended hereto at Appendix C).

With regard to document No. DE 195 46 036 C1, applicants refer the Examiner to a copy of a Derwent Info Ltd. English language abstract (appended hereto as Appendix D).

It is respectfully requested that the aforementioned patent documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form

PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

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A favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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